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BETTY SCOTT STAM'S PRAYER

Open my eyes, that I may see
This one and that one needing Thee,
Hearts that are dumb, unsatisfied,
Lives that are dead, for whom Christ died.

Open my eyes in sympathy,
Clear into man's deep soul to see;
Wise with Thy wisdom to discern,
And with Thy heart of love to yearn.

Open my eyes in faith, I pray;
Give me the strength to speak today,
Someone to bring, dear Lord, to Thee;
Use me, O Lord, use even me.

(Poem found in home of the Stams, China Inland Mission, after their martyrdom, December 8, 1934.)

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DEVOTIONAL AND EDITORIAL

"The Field Is The World"

By John C. Stam

Missionary work should occupy the thought of every Christian. Yea, there should be a developing sense of responsibility in this respect. The late John C. Stam, who, not long ago, suffered martyrdom in China, was one who possessed this call and burden. He was chosen by fellow-students to give the Class Address at his graduation at Moody Bible Institute, and the following article gives extracts from his message.

IN POLITICS, today, men are thinking in terms of international affairs. In business, all the continents are being combed for markets; and even in daily life, every newspaper reader is becoming world-conscious. And yet we, the people of God, have not fully realized that we are to be a testimony to the world . . . Heathen populations are growing in numbers daily, but we are not reaching them, much less matching their increase in numbers with increased efforts to bring them the gospel. Not only are heathen populations growing; with the frontiers of civilization moving ahead and education advancing, idolatry and superstition are breaking down. Now is the time to reach men whose minds are swept of old beliefs, before communistic atheism, coming in like a flood, raises other barriers far harder to overcome, and before this generation passes into Christless graves.

Our own civilization also challenges as Christian workers. This country, once so strong in its Christian testimony, is becoming increasingly godless. Our educational systems are sweeping us away from faith. Old standards of morality are fast going, and those great and holy truths, once so sacred, are becoming the butt of jokes to furnish humor for our periodicals . . .

Shall we beat a retreat, and turn back from our high calling in Christ Jesus? Or dare we advance at God's command, in face of the impossible? . . . Let us remind ourselves that the Great Commission was never qualified by clauses calling for advance only if funds were plentiful and no hardship or self-denial involved. On the contrary, we are told to expect tribulation and even persecution, but with it victory in Christ.

Friends, the task with all its attendant difficulties is enough to fill our hearts with dismay, if we look only to ourselves and our weakness. But the authority in our Master's command to go forward should fill us with joy and the expectation of victory. He knows our weakness and our lack of supplies. He knows the roughness of the way. And His command carries with it the assurance of all we need. Of course, we want to be assured of our support! Who cares to go forward in any enterprise, secular or

religious, unless he can be reasonably sure that it will not be dropped for lack of funds? Incomes are falling, men are losing employment, and bank accounts are being wiped out. Do we, as Christian workers, want to be sure of support? Then let us not put our trust in men, or in any God-dishonoring methods of raising funds for the work. These are not certain enough. We have it on the highest authority that the promise is of *faith*, that it might be sure. The faithfulness of God is the only certain thing in the world today. We need not fear the results of trusting Him . . .

Our way is plain. We must not retrench in any work which we are sure is in His will and for His glory. We dare not turn back because the way looks dark . . . We must go forward in the face of the impossible, even if we only know the next step. . . . We may find ourselves at the place where we shall have to drink the bitter waters of Marah, but our Captain's presence can sweeten the most bitter waters. We may come to the very last of our supplies, but He is still able to give us each day our daily bread. And what if we should, like Allen Gardiner, be permitted even to die of starvation? Like him, we shall find our moments of suffering aglow with the sunshine of Christ's presence, and shall have nothing but praise for the grace and mercy bestowed upon us.

This bewildered age needs to know that only "the foundation of God stands sure." Many a man is being torn loose, these days, from the things to which his heart had clung. It is ours to show the incorruptible riches which bank failures and economic conditions cannot touch. It is ours to show, in the salvation of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in personal communion with Him, a joy unspeakable and full of glory that cannot be affected by outside circumstances . . .

Does it not thrill our hearts to realize that we do not go forward in our own strength. Think of it, God Himself is with us for our Captain! The Lord of Hosts is present in person on every field of conflict to encourage us and fight with us. With such a Leader, who never lost a battle, or deserted a soldier in distress, or failed to get through the needed supplies, who would not accept the challenge to go forward, "bearing precious seed"?

MR. CHARLES LUKESH, who is laboring for the Lord in Czechoslovakia, has a small projecting machine which can be of great value in showing the gospel in picture form to young and old. Mr. Lukesh is sorely in need of films for the machine. New or second-hand films can be used, and pictures teaching Bible truths are desired. The Pace films would be very acceptable. His machine uses standard 35 mm. slides.

Radosc Opens Again

By Tordis Christoffersen

"THE beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him; and the Lord shall cover him all the day long" (Deut. 33: 12).

"Lord, help us to keep nothing in our hands, but commit all things unto Thee, as unto a faithful Creator and a loving, heavenly Father!" This was the prayer uttered by one of our workers in the hour of testing and trial, and God has wonderfully protected and cared for us all these days. "Cast thy bread upon the waters, and thou shalt find it after many days." Two years ago, a poor man from Wolyn visited us at Radosc. When he left, he was given some literature. "The Traveler's Guide" so spoke to him that he began to seek the Lord and finally found the Saviour. On my very first day at Villa Bethel this summer, he came again to tell us that he is now the Lord's and wants to be a witness and serve Him. He asked us to supply him with Scriptures and literature, which we did. This is encouraging to us. We have been enabled by a friend to give to the Jews several thousand Gospels, and have carefully placed in Jewish homes New Testaments and Bibles, as well as tracts. We have mailed to the intellectual class of Jews several thousand of Dr. Cooper's booklets. Will you not praise the Lord with us and pray that this ministry may bring forth fruit for His glory.

We have felt the Lord's presence and blessing when we have met with our little flock on Sunday afternoon and Friday evening, for Bible reading and prayer. Eighteen to twenty have met regularly, and a real hunger for the Living Word has been manifested. In some of them, we have seen growth in grace, so that they have been enabled to testify publicly in our evangelistic services. This means almost everything to these poor ones, in this place at the present time, for we are living under very serious conditions. Please pray that there shall be no drawing back for fear of the Jews—fear of not getting work and daily bread. Some have left off coming for this very reason. We have two ready for baptism, one of them being the father of Chella and Isaac. He will be working with us at Radosc this summer, and we will, by prayer and fellowship, seek such strengthening of his faith that he may be able to take the step 100 per cent to follow the Lord.

I am most grateful to the Lord for bringing me in touch with two students, both Russian Jews. They are very fine young people, and though they are suffering from the students at the university, the professors thus far have been kind and they both hope to get their diplomas, but in a sad, earnest way they said to me: "What good will that do us? We have no future."

With one of them, I am reading the Old Testament in Yiddish, daily learning new Hebrew words. This young man speaks perfect Hebrew and we have a fine, beneficial time together, searching the Old Book. The other student, a young lady, gives me some instruction in Polish. As she is a very sensitive nature, one needs wisdom and tact. Neither of them has as yet been willing to receive a copy of the Scriptures, because by receiving it they know they would be under obligation to read it. They are the type of thinking people who weigh their words and keep their promises. They have high ideals, and those of you, my dear friends, who make prayer a real work and who see clearly what it would mean for the evangelization of the Jews in Poland if this type of Jews could be reached and won for Christ, give yourselves to believing prayer for them and others like them. Surely, in none other than Jesus Christ lies the future of the Jewish young people. They will both be our guests for a while at Radosc. Therefore, call upon Him to enable us to be such witnesses for Christ as will honor His Name and bring glory to His cause.

I am working both in Warsaw and at Radosc at this time, trying to make all we can out of it. Villa Bethel is being set in order, and we will have private guests before the real holiday work begins. Will you please remember the seed sown in Falenica. We trust that the summer work at Radosc may be a continuation, as all who are interested are invited for the evening meeting, and also for Sunday. This year we are planning on four meetings each Lord's Day.

Now, a very important matter for earnest prayer. With the growing work, and wonderfu opportunities for evangelizing Israel here and now, and having a suitable property at Radosc which ought to be utilized all the year round—even though facing dangers and serious difficulties—we are asking God's people to pray that the Lord Himself will raise up a couple, not too young, spiritual and practical as well, to take up a definite, all-year-round work at Villa Bethel. If possible, we should have one with farming and gardening experience, so as to use the land, which, if properly cared for, would yield enough to make the work partly self-supporting. The Jewish inquirers could be the workers. Young women who can no longer stay at home should be trained, and destitute children sholud be cared for. But this needs God's chosen instrument, raised up for such a work at such a time. It is no longer, as things are developing, a proper place for a woman. Although one wishes to work as long as it is the Lord's will, yet this work at Radosc needs a man to carry the responsibility

We are looking forward to having a precious time with the children and older ones. Those in whom the Lord has begun to work will be with us, and we trust Him solely: first, to guide us in selecting and registering them, and then, in the supply of our spiritual needs (for it requires the patience and love of the Lord to deal with and care for them), and lastly, for His supply of daily bread for so large a family. Each year means renewal of bedding and other needs in a home, so we are waiting upon him, taking Him at His Word. Then, dear friends, there is constant disorder, fighting against the Jews in all the villages and suburbs of Warsaw. It is no small thing always to be among the Jews, and we often feel that it is of the Lord's mercy that we are not consumed. I am very thankful that the Lord gives strength and increasing peace, in the midst of an atmosphere of communism, revolution, and war. How long, one never knows, only that today is the day of salvation. Today is another day of grace. Just today, Lord—for tomorrow and its needs I do not ask. Keep me—guide me—love me—just for today!

"Empty buckets are fittest for the well of grace."

MISS CHRISTOFFERSEN WITH FRIEDA AND IDA SHUMAN

A CALL TO PRAYER

BY MISS CHRISTOFFERSEN

"AND thou . . . my son (my daughter) know thou the God of thy father, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind" (I Chron. 28: 9).

One of our missionaries, my fellow-worker, has two lovely daughters, who in every way have kept the first commandment with promise. They are a blessing in their home and to all with whom they come in contact. They both have living faith in the Son of God, and He has given unto them eternal life. They pray and trust God.

The oldest one, Frieda, will finish public school this spring, with very fine marks and the recommendation of all her teachers. She longs to enter high school this fall, and as it is the custom here to register before this school year closes, we have in faith taken this step, trusting the Lord to supply the need of about $5.00 each month, so that this precious young child can have the education which she ought to have and which will enable her to serve the Saviour and Lord whom she loves. We are praying that God will meet this need.

Manetz And Kavalchuk Join Hands

By Philip Manetz
(Czechoslovakia)

O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps" (Jer. 10: 23).

Perhaps you were taken by surprise when you heard that I had left Poland suddenly. In Warsaw, my application for the extension of my Polish visa was refused at this time and I was told to get my visa in the place where I was staying permanently, namely, Stara Wies, Pow. Kobryn. In Kobryn, the visa was granted to me for two weeks only.

We read in the fifth chapter of the Gospel of Mark how the Lord Jesus cast out the unclean spirit from the man, and "he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee" (Mark 5: 19, 20). I, too, am thanking God for His matchless grace and His loving kindness and goodness to me, for the Lord hath had great compassion on me, delivering me from the power of the devil. "I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, He hath covered me with the robe of righteousness . . . and He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God" (Isa. 61: 10; Psa. 40: 3).

By God's love and mercy, I was permitted five years ago to go home to my native land and tell my friends and loved ones what great things the Lord had done for me. A few of them believed the testimony. My sister and brother-in-law and their children, and also my nephew and wife, professed faith in Christ as their personal Saviour. My three brothers rejected the testimony and are still living in darkness. If they perish, they will be without excuse, but I do believe that God in His own time will save them, also, for much prayer has gone up to God in their behalf.

The work in Stara Wies and vicinity is now well

Farewell Meeting for Mr. Manetz

established, and the believers are well capable of witnessing and preaching the gospel of Christ. Last winter, as you know, we gathered in Stara Wies on week-days at 6.30 P. M. and had expository Bible reading, going through the Epistle to the Romans and all the following Epistles. We finished the Book of the Revelation about two weeks before Easter and it proved a great blessing to us all. This strengthened the believers in faith and qualified at least some of them for the Lord's work. Praise God!

I have been in Poland since June 22, 1931, and as God has given me strength and ability, I have witnessed of His grace and the saving power of the Lord Jesus Christ. It has only been through God's grace and the prayers of His children that I have been able to stay in Poland these five years—it was a constant battle. The Lord has now evidently closed the door and the marching order has come. How wonderful to think that we are only strangers and pilgrims on this earth and that our citizenship is in heaven! Thank God, too, for the comfort of knowing that our labor for Him is not in vain.

I left Stara Wies on April 25th about 3 P. M. and reached the Czechoslovakian border the following day at midnight. I arrived at Bustino, in Carpathian Russia, about 8.30 P. M. on April 27th and was warmly welcomed in the home of Brother John Kovalchuk, a very dear, faithful servant of the Lord.

If I may be permitted to express it thus, Czechoslovakia is a dumping ground, as it were, for precious jewels and gold. Insidious Rome is gradually but surely pushing out all missionaries, and Czechoslovakia is welcoming them. The majority of the missionaries in Czechoslovakia, at least those in Carpathian Russia, had all been in Poland, but finally landed in this country. We thank God for the liberty of preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in this land, at least at the present time.

"What I do thou knowest not now: but thou shalt know hereafter." How often we are ignorant of God's will and leading and frequently allow burdens on our hearts to distress us! Satan takes advantage of the opportunity and disturbs our peace at the time, simply because of our stupid unbelief. Someone has said: "When you worry, you do not trust; when you trust, you do not worry." This saying is true. I think God allows these various frictions, even disturbance of our peace at times, in order that we may learn by practical experience the infinite grace of God and be fortified against the wiles of the devil. At first, when my visa was refused, I was a little disturbed, but after I had written a letter to Brother Kovalchuk, stating that I was coming to Carpathian Russia in a few days, I received an answer from him telling me that my coming was a direct answer to prayer. When I arrived in Bustino and saw the great need of Christian workers, then the words as quoted above became real and as clear as the sunlight to me. Another precious promise flashes through my mind while writing this letter. It is one which the Lord gave me while I was attending Moody Bible Institute, Chicago—"For it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for His good pleasure" (Phil. 2: 13—R.V.).

By God's grace, Brother Kovalchuk opened up the work in Bustino, Carpathian Russia, and surrounding country. There is a fine gospel hall in Bustino, as you know, well built and in a good, quiet location. We thank God for this monument to His glory in Carpathian Russia. May the Lord bless those dear friends who gave their sacrificial gifts that this hall might be erected! It is a good investment and the reward is sure at His coming. There is another great center in Neresnice, about 30 kilometers from Bustino, where our co-worker and faithful servant of the Lord, Miss Mary Selody, is located. A prayer hall in this center is a great necessity. May the Lord Himself undertake and supply this great need, for His own glory and for the salvation of precious souls! Please pray for this need. "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 18: 19).

I thank God for His sustaining grace and keeping power, especially during the past five years in Poland. Many precious days and hours were spent there in prayer for revival. I thank God for every prayer that went up to the throne of grace in my behalf and for the Lord's work in Poland. No prayer of faith will be in vain—God will answer every prayer in His own way and time. Please continue to pray for a mighty revival in the church of God. Especially remember the appalling need in Carpathian Russia. Ask God's blessing upon the Gospels, tracts, and other spiritual literature, which we freely distribute as we go through the various villages. We are in great need of a consecrated gospel

music instructor and other workers sent of God. May our gracious Lord speedily supply this crying need! Thank you, Christian friends, for your prayers. Please continue to pray for me in this new field and for the Lord's work in Carpathian Russia.

SOWING AND REAPING

By Eugene Nagy

(Hungary)

FOR the seeds I have been sowing, I am now bringing in the sheaves with rejoicing. A gospel station has been established at the home of a converted Hebrew brother, where well-attended meetings are being held regularly three times a week. My text last Tuesday was from Matthew 5: 17-20, and it was a most blessed experience to see many hearts touched as the meeting was opened for general discussion. The questions asked and the decisions and declarations on the part of many of the hearers of the Word, indicate that they are not far from the Kingdom.

With the coming of spring, I am resuming my work with the children. They love these meetings very much. Many of them wept bitterly last fall when they had to be discontinued because of the want of a proper meeting place. Thus far, I have translated forty-five American gospel hymns into Hungarian. The children sing them to the original tune, with my violin accompaniment, and they do it in a spirit of prayer and devotion that is most blessed to hear. After this singing, Scripture truths are illustrated by means of object lessons. This part of the program is another blessed treat for them. These lessons bring the truth to their little hearts, and you would be surprised to hear the many searching questions asked by them.

Warmer weather will soon come, and the meetings on the farms will be continued as last year. These are but a part of my Christian activities, for other meetings are held out of town. The opening of mission circles in other parts of Hungary, in line with my latest publication, "Krisztus Szeretok es Szolgak" (Lovers and Ministers of Christ), together with the many instances requiring advice and a helping hand, make up the balance of my work. Let us all labor, dear friends, while it is day, for the night cometh when no man can work. Amen.

BUSY IN MINISTRY

By Ivan Moriakoff

(Estonia)

WE HOLD many evangelistic services, to which people gather from several villages. Many of them prefer to come to us to listen to the gospel sermons, even at times when solemn services are taking place in the Greek Orthodox church. Sometimes we hold two or three meetings a day and have great crowds in our meetings. People are coming out of the darkness of sin into the wonderful light of the kingdom of God. We need the prayers of God's children.

There is an ancient Russian town here called Isborsk. Here we rented a house for our regular evangelical services. We met with opposition on the part of our adversaries, but, thank God, everything is now going well and the needed room has been secured. Our Brother Mosherenok is visiting us, and his ministry among us is blessed.

During the Lenten season, we held about 100 services and visited about 30 villages. I got very tired, for it is necessary to do much walking. One evening four souls prayed openly, asking God for forgiveness. The power of the Scriptures is great. It captures the people.

We have new rules in Estonia, in accordance with which our congregations must be legalized. This requires us to go through much legal procedure, and in this we are of necessity engaged at the present time.

It always gives us joy and encouragement to receive your generous help, for which I thank you from the depth of my heart. We pray for you and we trust you are praying for us. Accept my warm greetings.

"Darkness cannot be complete so long as the Sun of Righteousness is in the heavens; sorrow cannot be all-engrossing so long as His promises are left us, nor can our faith fail, while we can cry to a present and a living God, and rest entirely in Him."

Called To Albania

We are glad to announce the favorable consideration given to applications of Mr. Arthur W. Konrad and his fiancee, Miss Jean E. Storer, for missionary service in Albania. They are graduates of Wheaton College and, with training in the Word of God, are ready for service abroad. Pray for them and that all needs for their outgoing may be forthcoming.

THE Lord is ever calling out and thrusting forth His own into the harvest field, which is truly white. We are conscious of the fact that He has definitely opened this door for us. We are trusting Him for our every need, and have the assurance in our own hearts and souls that He will provide for each one.

We go forth, not trusting in any merit of our own, but in the shed blood of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us. Not only did He die in our stead, but He was buried and rose again for our justification and is now seated at the right hand of God, making intercession for us, and we are rejoicing in the hope of His soon return to take us unto Himself.

We go forth to proclaim the gospel of salvation to the lost and neglected souls in Albania. Our plea is for the prayers of earnest Christian friends at home.

JEAN E. STORER.

"That I might know His will for my life"—the earnest cry on the lips of so many Christian young people today—has become a blessed experience for me during the past five and one-half years. I had realized no need in my life, but He brought me to His feet in a consciousness of sin, and then pointed me to "The Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," and gave me the assurance of salvation as I fully trusted Him. I had begun my life in *my* way, but the Lord turned me to *His* way. Leaving an office desk to go to Wheaton College seemed, at first, a trying experience, but I shall never cease praising God for thus leading me.

Step by step, the Lord has made His will known. When the door was opened for me to come to the National Bible Institute last fall, I had no idea as to the outcome. The Lord had called us to a life of surrender. We were drawn, by His own directing

MR. KONRAD MISS STORER

hand, by the need of the lost, and by the inescapable logic of the situation, to say, "Anywhere, Lord." But where? And then, in a series of remarkable incidents, He directed our steps to Albania. It will be no easy task. We shall be tested, no doubt, as never before, but our hope is in Him. "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it." He has saved us; He can and will save those whom the Spirit convicts and draws, as we preach and live the gospel among them. We rejoice in being called ambassadors for Christ.

ARTHUR W. KONRAD.

GREETINGS

By A. PRZEORSKI
(Poland)

THE Lord's work is going on. We have meetings, improving slowly with time. Before Easter we had a week of evangelization, resulting in a few conversions. The Lord is willing to bless—I have no doubt about that. During the time of evangelization, many pamphlets were distributed. "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith," I send you hearty thanks and best Christian wishes and greetings.

Russian Conference Echoes

By Alexander Dobrinin

AS THE readers of The European Harvest Field know from information given in this magazine, there was held in New York City, in the early days of May, an Undenominational Russian Christian Conference, under the auspices of the Russian evangelical magazine, *Vernost*, which I have the happy privilege of editing. We thank God for the blessings He gave us in the conference. In order to conserve space, I will give only a short account of it.

There were gathered together members of the following Russian Christian churches: Evangelical, Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and also some members of the Greek Orthodox church. Representatives of these groups spoke from the platform, while some other denominations were represented in the audience. There were twelve scheduled speakers. Two of these were absent, being kept away by other duties, but the other ten participated, and there were also some extra speakers. Many different believers intended to come to New York for the conference, but their letters indicate that they were prevented by the depression. As a result of this, many greetings were read.

It became quite clear, from the addresses and the letters, that believers are very tired of the increasing divisions among Christians. They are longing for oneness in Christ and they were very enthusiastic about this, the first, Russian Christian Undenominational Conference. Some narrow-minded Christians cannot understand how it is possible to have fellowship with Christians of other denominations. This conference proved how much joy and spiritual help can be derived from such gatherings. A'l the sermons and addresses showed a generous heart, deep thought, quietness, and humility. Denominational preferences were laid aside and had no place on the program of this conference period. Christ and His Word were the central theme in all our discussions. We know quite definitely that some souls were stirred spiritually.

We were very glad to have in our midst an American Christian, Mr. Roy Wagner, who came specially from Jamestown, New York, to attend the conference He is a Y. M. C. A. secretary and was very much interested in the fellowship that existed among these Russian Christians. We were quite surprised when he addressed us in the Russian language, which he had acquired in the past two years. It gave us special joy to listen to this good American Christian gentleman. His Russian was peculiar, of course, but we could understand quite well his every thought and our Russian friends greatly enjoyed it. It was very helpful.

Our fellowship banquet was a very happy occasion. There was no end of bright speeches, and it was my duty to delicately limit the time so that more speakers might be heard. Poor Russia was remembered and, in the midst of the joy, tears were shed for her and prayers in her behalf were poured out to God. We had much food left, so, later in the evening, after the conference was over, we had another banquet (not scheduled) and had real brotherly fellowship as we conversed together informally.

Among the speakers, we had the popular Russian writer in America, Mr. George Grebenschikoff. He spoke as a representative of the Greek Orthodox church. It was a most tactful speech. It was not easy for him to abstain from referring to the church which he loved so much. In accordance with the spirit of our evangelical conference, he spoke about the tragedy of Russia because of the sins of the Greek Orthodox people and then pointed to Jesus Christ our Saviour as the only hope of salvation for all people, particularly for Russian people in their present distress. He expressed his belief in the coming of Jesus Christ, it being his own private view that Christ will perhaps come to Russia to comfort the suffering and to encourage the believers, who are so heroic under unprecedented persecution. Mr. Grebenschikoff commended very enthusiastically such a conference as ours, calling it a real Christian lighthouse in the East Side downtown) section of New York City, which is so full of ignorance and sin. He spoke strongly about he ministry of *Vernost*. In the latter part of May, there was held a great festival of Russians in New York

in memory of the famous Russian poet, Poushkin. Mr. Grebenschikoff was among the honorable speakers on this occasion, and in his address he referred to our recent conference as something worthy of commendation. As the majority of Russians in this large gathering did not have confidence in evangelical Christians, this reference had some weight in forwarding the cause of Christianity.

Because of lack of time, some addresses had to be omitted in our conference. I shortened my own lectures and sermons very much. We had special joy in having with us our dear brethren of the *Fellowship*, Pastor Herbert Hogg and Colonel E. N. Sanctuary, both of whom spoke to us twice. Their addresses were very illuminating, deeply instructive, and highly spiritual. It was the first time I had a common ministry with these dear brethren, among Russians. Our Russian people became just as enthusiastic about what they heard from these two American brethren. I have learned of spiritual results from their addresses and I am quite sure that they will be remembered for many years by our Russian friends, who listened to them most attentively. From the bottom of my heart, I thank the Lord and these brethren for their fruitful Christian ministry and their brotherly fellowship, which we enjoyed so greatly in this conference.

It was the first time an undenominational Russian Christian conference had been arranged in America, and we hope that other like conferences will spring up.

CORRECTING ERROR

By S. P. Badantseff

(Manchukuo)

I HAD a discussion with a group of Adventists. They declare that Jesus Christ did not arise on the first day of the week, but on the Sabbath. They distributed literature to this end and tried to prove that my teaching was wrong. They think that all Christians are under the mark of the beast and, therefore, pervert Scripture. These people dispute much among themselves in their meetings—they do not agree with one another. They assure the people that there is no hell, but that the grave is the end.

When I was in their meeting, I pointed out their errors, giving proofs from the Scriptures. I told them that it is very dangerous to use human philosophy in explaining the Word of God. I tried to persuade the people to keep away from destructive critics and their debates, saying that their knowledge is wrongly directed and there is no profit in their talking. I advised them to struggle against sin and to accept from God the holiness which He offers in His Word. If we do not follow God's Word, our lives will be void of all spirituality and our meetings will be dead.

S. P. Badantseff

There was a Russian lawyer attending these meetings. He was very much interested in what I had to say concerning Adventism and he began to visit me in my home. He has already had three visits with me, each conversation lasting about eight hours.

Be Sure You Pray

You like to read books about prayer. You reverence and love the men of prayer. You may be sometimes in positive despair about prayer. And yet you know, on the testimony of thousands, and on the assurance of God's Word in endless places, that prayer is, of all things a mortal man can perform, by far the most blessed.

The greatest and the best of comfort is in your own house, is every day in your own heart, and perhaps you do not move a hand or foot to take it. There is no mystery about prayer; no mystery, but its nearness, and its easiness, and its sureness, and its fruitfulness, and its supreme, immediate, and everlasting blessedness. Only begin to pray.

—*Dr. Alexander Whyte.*

The Story Of My Life

By John Gonak

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I was born in 1911 at Klicanova near Mukacevo in Carpathian Russia, Czechoslovakia. My family was a very poor one. Nevertheless, my parents, poor as they were, gave their children as much as it was possible for poor peasant parents to give. I am sorry to say that they were able to give us very little religious education, for they themselves did not know anything about the love of God.

My parents and their children lived on what they got from their poor fields. Though my parents had not attended any schools, when I was old enough they sent me to the Hungarian school at Klicanova. However, the Ruthenian children were not well treated in these schools.

When Czechoslovakia, in 1918, became an independent state, the Ruthenians began to breathe the breath of liberty. I was one of the happy children who attended the Ruthenian school for several years. Among other subjects, I was trained in the Greek Catholic religion. I am sorry to say, however, that this religious instruction had no effect upon me, for there was no *living* religion in it.

Upon leaving school, I had to earn my own living. As a 14-year-old boy, I began working in the fields and vineyards. I realized that the life of the poor is a very hard one. At the same time, I began to be aware of the fact that the moral, religious, and cultural standards of our Ruthenian people were sadly low. They had no aim in life and did not know the power of the Cross.

But God's mercy changed some of the people in our neighborhood, including my parents. This came to pass through the witness of Brother Dobos, who came back from the U. S. A. a child of God. The church at Mukacevo was then founded. My parents tried to lead me to Christ Jesus, and at last the day came when I was led to repentance and faith in Him. But it took some time.

When I went to school, I did not want to believe (as the others did) in the miracles and other superstitions taught by the Greek Catholic church. I remember how at that time the people of our village believed that the living Jesus had appeared on the cross in the neighboring village. The children in my class believed all that was said, but I told them openly that it *was not true*. The priest's daughter said to me, "You don't believe because you are a Baptist." I could make no reply, as I did not know what she meant by Baptists, so I went to the priest and asked for an explanation. He said to me: "They are half-savages, who believe neither in Jesus Christ nor in God nor in the Virgin Mary."

After some time, I went to see with my own eyes what Baptists were like. Upon invitation, I attended the meeting held in the home of Mr. Dobos. That evening I discovered that Baptists were not half-savages, but people with a new spirit. I was given a copy of the New Testament, which I began to read eagerly. Several months passed before I made up my mind to ask for baptism, and then my Baptist friends told me that I could not be baptized because I was too young. I was willing to wait, working in the Sunday school in the meantime. I remember that I preached several times before I was baptized. This event took place in the year 1930.

I loved my church and wanted to do something for Jesus Christ, my Lord. At last, after much prayer, I decided to give all my time to work in the Lord's vineyard. In order to prepare myself for this task, I entered the Baptist Seminary in Prague, where I have been studying the past four years. The training in the spirit of the New Testament has been a blessing to me, for "I know whom I have believed" and Jesus Christ is my Lord and my God.

While a student in the Seminary, I came in touch with Rev. John Kovalchuk, who is doing a blessed work for the Lord in the eastern part of this country. It seems to me that I have become Mr.

Kovalchuk's Timothy. As I am leaving school this year, I should like, if it be the will of God, to give my whole life to God and my Ruthenian people. I have offered my life to God—I want to live for my people.

But even missionary work must have a financial basis. The economical crisis is being especially felt among the poor Ruthenian people in my country. However, I believe that, through the mercy of God and the love of His people, even the work in this country will find whole-hearted supporters.

I close this humble story of my life with the desire that it will serve the purpose for which it was intended.

NEWS FROM RUSSIA
(TRANSLATED FROM THE RUSSIAN)

By One of Our Correspondents

THE Union of the Godless complains that while the old regime of Russia is crushed in all respects, religion remains unconquerable. There are now left about 40,000 parishes of different religious groups and churches, so there are millions and millions of religious people, in spite of all persecution upon religion. The godless admit that their methods of fighting religion must be changed—they say that a front attack is not effective. They plan the gradual education of the masses along the lines of atheism.

There is a town named Ijevsk. It was discovered recently that in it there are about 100,000 religious people. Some sect is mentioned (probably Evangelicals) which is working successfully among young people. In 1934, 23 members of the young communist society were baptized. The members of the agricultural communes are taking part in the services of these religious groups.

In the high school of the city of Batum, pupils of the seventh grade assailed the teacher with questions about the flood described in the Bible. The teacher was perplexed, not knowing what to answer. The pupils gave many references to the Bible. The school administration afterwards inquired as to where the children had secured their knowledge of the Bible, and it was discovered that some of them read the Scriptures regularly.

The agents of the Soviet authorities came to a certain village with good clothing. The peasants, who were in extreme poverty, were gladdened with the hope of being suitably dressed. They were given shoes, overcoats, hats, etc., which made them very happy. The authorities commanded them to wear this apparel to the field to work, and they were ordered to smile and laugh. Afterwards, the reason for all this became apparent. It was done by the Bolsheviks so that films could be taken for use abroad, showing the new prosperity of Russian peasants under Communism. The clothing was all taken back from the disappointed peasants and they were left in the same bitter poverty.

The former calendar of old Russia was changed by the Bolsheviks to a communistic calendar, in which the names of the days of the week, including Sunday (in Russian, *The Resurrection*) are not used any more. When the people are making appointments, they just call the dates in numbers; for example, "I will see you on the 12th or 18th." The children are hardly familiar with the old calendar, but the adults remember very well and observe at the proper times the old Christian holidays of the church.

Since worshipers are watched, they usually go to the churches in far-away sections of the city, where they would be strangers. The safest and most popular place of meeting for religious people in Soviet Russia is the cemetery. Under the pretext of honoring their dead relatives, they gather in groups in the cemetery and, under the shadow of the crosses which were raised over the graves (where these have been left standing), the people meditate on the things of the kingdom of God and eternal life. Sometimes they pray and even sing.

Sticks of wood have been substituted for candles in the churches, since the use of wax has been forbidden. The walls of the churches are often covered with the placards of the communists.

Many churches have been turned into communistic clubs. It is interesting to observe that some religious people, especially women, when passing these clubs, think more of the former use of the building than the latter, and cross themselves.

The spiritual need of the people is so great that in some of the churches people are literally worshiping every hour, day and night. Different religious groups take turns in worshiping in the same church. The Greek Orthodox people carry the images of Jesus Christ and the saints, hidden under their clothing, so that they can make use of them when they pray, at any time.

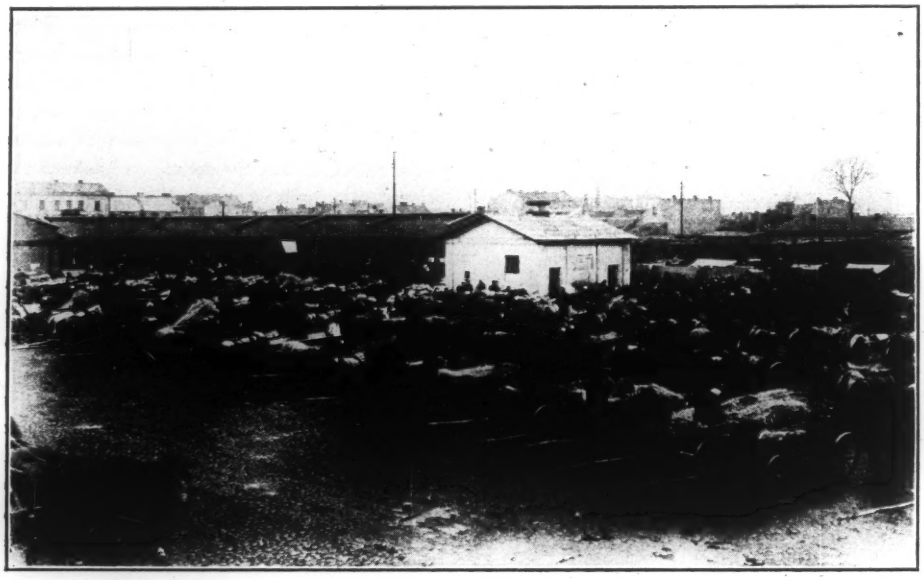
The Gospel Given To The Poor

By Fred Stettler

WE HAVE been able to hold more evangelistic meetings than we have for several years. The ground is, however, much more difficult than formerly. The opposition of the existing state churches, the spirit of the world, and, not the least, the intense nationalism tend to make the people more indifferent and more difficult to win. However, it is our duty and service to untiringly call to repentance, to make the way of salvation known and to instruct men as to the revealed will of God. God judges our work not according to results or success, but according to fruit.

We praise God that meetings are always very well visited, so that even the large gospel halls often prove too small and even the seat of the preacher has to be given up to those listening. In one place where I evangelized, a man who was known to be a very bad fellow prayed publicly for forgiveness and confessed his sins to God. The latest word from that place says he is proving faithful. In every place I was privileged to evangelize, there were numbers of seekers after the truth of God. In this country these are called "awakened souls." Time will show whether they will come across fully.

We recently had a very pathetic letter from a man who had been in our home for nearly two years. It will give you an idea of the conditions here. About five years ago, we were told of a brilliant young man who had once been in a sanatorium for mentally unbalanced folks. As the government has far too few such institutions, many of the less dangerous patients are discharged as soon as possible. This young man was out, apparently fully normal. He could not get work, so he often had no home, no food, and not sufficient clothing. Often he would walk the streets of the city all night, in order to keep himself warm and going until morning. We often found him before our door, completely exhausted, as you may imagine. We felt he was one of those referred to in Matthew 25:35, 36, so we often fed him and gave him a place to sleep, literally



Market Place as Seen from the Stettler Home

clothing him for two or three years. During that time he became a believer on the Lord Jesus Christ.

The daily "no work," "nothing to eat," and "no place to go or to sleep" proved too much for him, and his mind again gave way and he was returned to the sanatorium. A recent letter from him contains a plea for a Bible and Christian literature and shows his zeal in prayer. He is only one of thousands! Work cannot be gotten and, while there is a good deal of relief work, it is usually out of reach except for the most extreme cases. There is little hope for the future. Cases such as these present specially great burdens on the missionary field. They can only be helped by giving them the means of earning a livelihood.

We had a series of meetings not long ago, about an hour's walking distance from the city. The people showed their gratitude by bringing in thank offerings in the form of various victuals. One former school teacher promised us a quart of milk every day for a whole year; another person brought some eggs, while still another brought some ham. We rejoice to see their zeal and appreciation. I was recently asked to join a young couple in wedlock. They usually bring an offering to the preacher, but money is as scarce as anything here, so this young man, being the proprietor of an old style mill, brought a large bag of whole wheat, nearly 100 pounds.

Going home from the meetings at night is no pleasure. As many people are without work, they turn to stealing. Frequently they steal in order to get inside a jail and have a place to keep warm and something to eat. Most of the small farms have two or three dogs. Usually, one is kept inside the house, one outside the house but nearby, and one near the barn. As it is not well to keep the dogs chained all the time, they let them run loose at night. Thus, all last week, we had a battle with fifteen or twenty dogs every evening. For folks who are not used to dogs and are possibly afraid of them, it is a terrible experience. From every farm, two or three dogs follow for quite a distance, and it has happened that, in going through a village, literally more than a hundred dogs chased and molested me. It is a significant picture of eastern Europe—distrust, suspicion, and insecurity —and what is worse, the people are all *Christians*.

While we read that America has been visited with terrible floods, we have been spared any catastrophe. The weather has been mild, with the exception that, now and then, the Lord of heaven has been gracious and has acted in the place of the roadmasters, filling the countless holes in the roads with snow.

We trust that this short account will serve its purpose, inspiring to prayer in our behalf and bringing a deeper fellowship in the Spirit.

IN ALBANIA

By P. B. Kennedy

WE HAD good services last Sunday. I preached on "The Good Samaritan." The attendance at both our morning and evening services was particularly encouraging. However, we are continually praying for a deeper work of grace, for there are problems here which need careful, prayerful handling. Who is sufficient? Only our Saviour.

Mrs. Kennedy is very busy, with many poor and troubled people coming. We are constantly giving out to these destitute cases, and yet we really do not have it to give. We are plowing and sowing the fields. We have fifty sheep. Have sold fourteen lambs and will sell fifteen more. Day by day we give our eggs and milk, which come from the place, but we are also selling the milk. The wind injured the roof of the barn, but we have put that in good repair. It cost me at least $60.00.

As we come in touch with our Mohammedan friends and the poor and sick and needy, we lift up Christ. Thank you for your continued prayers that this work may have the constant reviving and saving power of our Lord's presence through the Holy Spirit. We are glad Mr. and Mrs. Jacques are having a happy and profitable furlough year.

No news from the government or our legation—just to wait a little longer. Kindly pray definitely that I may be guided in these matters.

Christ is everything for the Christian. He is the true God, to begin with; and, on the other hand, He is the perfect expression of God regarding man—God brought into contact with man, "for in Him dwelleth all the fullness of the Godhead bodily." Here is the Man, therefore, the Mediator "between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus."

—*F. E. Race.*

Missionary Journeys

By Jan Wladysiuk (Poland)

AFTER my missionary journey through Polesie, I went to visit Wolynia. On November 27, 1935, I started on my bicycle from Bereza Kartuska, where I had a little conference with the leaders of our work, after which I went on. The ground was covered with fresh snow and it began to get dark. However, by the help of the Lord, I reached the little town of Maloryto at 6.00 P. M. and went to the midweek prayer meeting. Though the meeting was not large, it was a lively one. I had the privilege of speaking at this meeting on the subject of SALVATION, using Matthew 16: 26 as my text. After the meeting had closed, a man who had been listening eagerly to the preaching of the Word of God, accompanied me to the place where I was to spend the night. As we went along, we talked about the Lord. Early the following morning, this man came to me again to continue the talk. After hearing much about the Bible, the man said to me, "Now I will go home and get out my New Testament, which is lying in the attic, covered with dust, and read it in every spare moment. I did not know that eternal life and other priceless treasures are hidden away in it," and he went home rejoicing.

From Maloryto I took a train to Wladimir-Wolynsk. In the train I had an interesting conversation with a young Jew, who was on his way to Lwow. I asked him whether he believes in the Messiah. He said he believes only in one God, as all Jews believe. I showed him many prophecies in the Bible concerning the Messiah. "Well," he said, "the Bible is all right, but it is of no use for the Jews to believe in Christ, when there are many Christians, such as Greek and Roman Catholics and others, who do not believe in Christ. There is no use in our accepting Christ and then rejecting Him." But when I showed him from the Bible who Christ was and for what purpose He had come to this earth, this young Jewish man said, "If Christians were all like that, then all the Jews would inevitably become followers of Christ." He is interested in the Protestant Christian literature, and I gave him several tracts in his own language. How hard to preach Christ to the Jews when nominal Christians do not know Him and do not follow His teaching! The time passed quickly and at Wladimir station I had to leave him.

From Wladimir-Wolynsk I went on foot in the dark, through the muddy road, to Horiczew, carrying my bicycle. I spent a joyful night in Horiczew with the brethren. Proceeding on my way, I stopped in the town of Torczyn to buy something to eat. I went to a Jewish shop and there I had a talk with a young Jewish woman about the Messiah. I asked her if she had ever read the Bible. She replied that she had not, because she had no Bible. I quoted several passages from the Bible and told her that it is God's will that we should read His Word. She told me that she leads the same kind of life and entertains the same belief in God that all the Jews do and that that is enough to satisfy her. Then I told her that there was a time when everybody lived in sin except Noah and his family, who lived righteous lives and were saved from the flood, and that today we should not live as the rest of the people do, but we should seek salvation for our souls while we can find it in Christ Jesus, who is far better than the ark that Noah built. When she had heard all these things, she said, "How do you know Jewish history so well? Are you a Jew?" "No," said I, "I am not a Jew in the flesh, but I am a Jew in spirit and I wish all the Jews were such." Then I handed her some Yiddish Christian tracts, which she took with great interest, saying, "I will read them for myself first, and then I will give them to my husband to read." She asked me to come to see her whenever I came through Torczyn and tell her more about the Bible and the Jewish nation and the Messiah. I was sorry I had no Jewish Testament to give her, for she had never heard that Jesus Christ is her promised Messiah.

From Torczyn I set out for the Soviet Russian border. On the way I had many good meetings and conversations with Jews, Poles, and Ukrainians. The people rejoiced to hear the preaching of the

gospel. I went through places where no man had preached the gospel before and where the people were thirsty for the Word of God. There are some Pentecostalists, Seventh Day Adventists, Zionists, and Russellites, but the people do not hear from them the preaching of the gospel—only miracles, new prophecies, tongues, and false teachings, while the way of truth is neglected.

In the village of Babin I met a man who had heard much about the miracles of the Zionists, but he had not heard the preaching of the gospel. When I told him why Christ had come to this earth, he was willing to leave all and go with me that me might hear more about Christ. With tears running down his cheeks, he said, "I have lived on this earth for fifty-four years, and nobody ever told me that Christ came to save sinners like me and give them eternal life." Living as I have in Polesie, I never dreamed that there was such a thirst for the Word of God in Wolynia.

Passing through a German colony, I found a Pentecostal family there. They asked me to stay with them for the night. I had quite a long discussion with them about spiritual baptism, spiritual gifts, and speaking with spiritual tongues. They came to the conclusion that God gives the Holy Spirit for the benefit of believers and for the manifestation of His glory, and not for speaking vain things in tongues. The following morning, though it was a week-day, several German women came in, with whom I had blessed conversation about the Lord. There was one girl among them who had been listening to the Word of God with great thirst in her heart. When I asked all to kneel down for a word of prayer, this girl for the first time opened her lips in a prayer of repentance and gave her heart to Jesus. After the prayer, she was filled with great joy and thanked me that, through my staying there, she had found her Saviour, Jesus Christ. The Lord blessed my ministry with these German people.

By evening I had reached the village of Bogdanowka, which is near the border of Soviet Russia. In spite of the fact that the people just across the border reject God, here they listen to the Word of God with great interest. They thank God for the freedom they have in hearing and obeying the Word of God and for the men who come, from time to time, to preach the wondrous gospel to them. I helped them to organize a Christian Endeavor Society.

On December 3, 1935, I came to the district where Brother S—— is working. I spent several days there, preaching the gospel both morning and evening, each time in a different place. In the village of Sedliszcze we had a large meeting. For two hours the people listened to the Word of God with great interest. When we closed the meeting, the people did not want to leave, but begged us to tell them more about Christ the Saviour. "Perhaps you would like to ask us some questions," I said to them. "No," they replied, "we do not want to ask you questions. We just want you to preach to us again. In all our lives we never before heard what you have been telling us now." Their thirst for the Word of God was so great that we had to start the meeting anew.

Going from place to place, I visited eleven counties and held gospel and prayer meetings in twenty-one different places. In Pinsk county I found myself in the midst of marshes, surrounded on all sides by water. The ice could not bear my weight, so I had to break it under my feet and, for a kilometer and a half, carrying my bicycle on my shoulders, I walked in water up to my knees until I reached dry land. With wet feet, in the winter, I proceeded on my missionary tour. Thus we have to sacrifice personal comfort in order to bring the gospel light to our people.

ON RUSSIA'S BORDER

By Nikita Mosherenok

(Estonia)

I THANK my Lord and you for your generous support of me in my evangelistic work among Russians and Estonians. I praise God that He leads you, in these hard times, to take a sacrificial interest in our work in this part of the Lord's vineyard. I believe that our Redeemer will come soon.

I am working in Reval and other parts of Estonia. Recently I again visited the frontier district of Russia, Oleshnitzi, and held a number of evangelistic meetings there. Many people came and listened to my testimony. The people there are exceptionally ignorant and some of them are very rough. The war and revolutionary experiences have hardened the souls of the people. They are constantly crossing the borders of Estonia and

Soviet Russia, though they do it at great risk. To such people I tried to preach the gospel and, thank God, they listened. There is a little group of believers to whom I administered the Holy Communion.

Then I visited Isborsky district, also on the frontier of Russia. Here I was with our Brother Moriakoff. We held evangelistic meetings for about 20 days and found the people receptive. Some new converts wished to be baptized. Thus, saved people are gradually being added to the church. The Lord uses us, His weak instruments, and gives us spiritual victory. Some people are angry with us and threaten to harm us, but we are kept in safety, by God's power.

Some of our believers are concerned, perhaps too much, about denominational organization. I think we should not overemphasize the need of organization, in which, very often, human devices are manifested. I try to suggest to the Christians the simplicity of the apostles' church. I pray for you and greet you very heartily.

FACING PALESTINE

By Dr. James Ewke

(Czechoslovakia)

MY WORK is somewhat kaleidoscopic. My many acquaintances, upon whom I am trying to exert a Christian influence, differ greatly from one another in character, social position, etc. Among them are engineers, doctors, students, school children, beggars, etc. Of course, Christ wants to be the Saviour of them all, but the means of approach to their hearts cannot be the same for any two persons of my acquaintance. For instance, I have many tracts on hand—Czech, Russian, Ukrainian, etc.—but it is not always well to hand a tract at once to the person with whom we are dealing. Sometimes the heart must be "prepared" (as we would prepare soil) through friendly contacts, conversations, and serious Christian literature. I am always on the lookout for an opportunity to testify, for it is my highest aim to witness to my friends about the Saviour, who was crucified for their sins and is now risen to give them everlasting life.

On the other hand, there are many people to whom it is very timely to give a tract at once, immediately after meeting them. In many cases, the hearts of these new acquaintances have already been "ploughed up" by means of difficulties and troubles in their lives and they are ready for a frank conversation and immediate sowing of the seed through a tract, in which the way of salvation is shown clearly and briefly.

There is living here in Cernosice a family from the Caucasus. The father underwent many hardships during the civil war. At that time he tried to change the habits and manner of life of the peasants in the mountains, bringing to them new social ideals, but once he was almost shot by them and eventually was obliged to flee from his beloved homeland, leaving his wife and child behind. After several years, his family emigrated from Russia to Czechoslovakia and joined him in Prague. His heart is prepared for the sowing of the Lord's seed. Please pray for him. His boy, now a pupil in the grammar school in Prague, regards me as his good friend and counsellor. Unfortunately, this boy recently contracted tuberculosis and was nigh unto death. His health is now partially restored, so that he is able to attend school again. In our many talks, I frequently endeavored to carefully open up to him the truth of the gospel. We are planning to make some excursions together this summer into the beautiful country surrounding Cernosice, and this will furnish more opportunity for testimony.

In the neighborhood of my home, there are a great many children. They often play in our court, and when they see me coming, they call loudly to one another, "Look! There is our doctor!" and run to meet me as though I were their best comrade. They often come knocking at the door of my room, begging for little boxes and bottles, which they use as toys. The parents of these children are very poor and are unable to buy toys for their darlings, so the children play with these small boxes and bottles which I give them. Through these primitive toys, I am gaining the love of the children and the confidence of the parents, and it serves as a means of approach for me to offer them tracts and Scriptures. So, for the children there are prepared "toys" and for the parents there is the bread of everlasting life.

In closing, let me say a few words to our readers about my going to Palestine. In the April issue of The European Harvest Field, Prof. V. Marcinkovski wrote concerning this matter. It is now more than a year that I have been praying about going there and looking for a way, for there is great oppor-

tunity there for a blessed medical and spiritual work. It was, I believe, the will of God for me to become a physician, in order that I might serve Him through my knowledge of medicine. As Prof. Marcinkovski told in his "appeal," the door for such medical and Christian work in Czechoslovakia is closed. As a physician, I am now practically not permitted to widen my work. On the other hand, the Holy Land is wide open for the work of a medical missionary. I feel that it is the Lord's call to me to go out from this country to Palestine, and I say, "Here am I; send me." "How shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Rom. 10:15). Won't the dear children of the Lord in the U. S. A. enable me to be "sent" to His Land, in accordance with His will?

NOT LIFELESS CEREMONIES

By D. Mysiuk
(Poland)

THE gospel meetings in all of our district are well attended. On the first day of the Easter holiday, we had a large meeting in Kmiczyn. Brethren and sisters from eleven villages came to this meeting. There were also many visitors from Kmiczyn and the surrounding villages. Many believers at this meeting testified of the risen Saviour, the children recited Scripture passages, and the choir sang reviving gospel hymns, to the glory of our blessed Saviour. The Spirit of God rested upon the entire audience. Many, with contrite hearts, confessed their sins.

On the second day of the Easter holiday, my daughter and I went to the village of Zerniki, a distance of ten kilometers from Kmiczyn. On the way, we were caught in a rain and were soaked to the bone. Wet, muddy, tired, and shivering with cold, we reached the village. After drying our clothes and resting a little, we held a very blessed meeting there.

On the following day we went to the village of Dobuzek, where we had a gospel meeting in which an infant child was dedicated to the Lord. Many people came to this meeting out of curiosity as to how the believers christen their children. I read several passages from the Bible and then spoke at length on the duties of parents to children, the family life, the necessity of holiness, and the great sorrows that come into the lives of many parents because of the lack of spiritual training of their children and the resulting disrespect for the parents on the part of the children. Tears ran down the cheeks of many mothers as they listened. Many of them received new light as to how to lead such a life that God would be glorified through it.

On the 19th of April we opened our prayer hall in Kmiczyn, even though the work has not yet been completed. Brethren and sisters came from many villages for this solemn service. Many outsiders, also, came even from the neighboring villages to see how the believers would sanctify their prayer hall. They thought we would sprinkle holy water upon the walls of the house. Instead of that, hearty prayers of thanksgiving ascended unto God because of the liberty we have in our dear country of Poland; we thanked God for those persons whom God had led to give out of the depths of their poverty toward the erection of this prayer house; we thanked God for our dear leaders; we asked the Lord that many souls might find peace and rest and eternal life through the knowledge of the Lord and His Word, which they would receive at this place. We then spoke to the people about the Temple of God, showing them that God wanted men to be His temples.

Next day a Christian orchestra from Wolynia came to us. When they began to play the hymn, "The Precious Moments the Lord Has Given Us," we were all weeping with joy. When the people in the village heard the music, they ran to the prayer house as to a fire. The hall could not accommodate all the people. The river of the living water of the Word of God irrigated hundreds of hearts. Our visiting brother had to preach two sermons at each meeting. The people were not satisfied with only one sermon at a meeting—they wanted more food for their hungry hearts. Many decided to serve the Lord. Please pray for us.

THE CHRIST MIND

"Workers together with God" are indeed privileged persons; separated from their own sins, they are called to Christ's side to work with Him in delivering others, to beseech in Christ's stead—to be His substitutes before the world, while He is theirs before the Throne; made ambassadors, after being rebels. What union with Christ there must be; what one-mindedness, what Christ-calm, and yet what Christ-zeal!—*Rev. Charles A. Fox.*

Need For Prayer

By John Gordiuk (Poland)

"BLESSED be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation" (Psa. 68: 19).

It has been some time since I wrote to you, but the time has passed more quickly than ever before. Praise the Lord for this, because we shall soon meet Him. The hour of His coming is at hand!

The Lord keeps us in His mighty hand. It is very precious to know that we are "kept by the power of God," especially in this present hard time. We may glory only in our infirmities. He blesses our work for Him and helps us to overcome the many difficulties that we meet along the way. For instance, our people have been living in a form of Christianity which was full of superstitions, and it is very hard for such people to put off all such customs, even when they turn to the Lord. You can meet a very godly believer who, for example, believes in the "evil eye," although they do not use the traditional remedy for it. Thus, you can see that the believers here need constant help and spiritual education, that they may grow up "unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ." My work on the Lord's field is mostly along this line.

I had the privilege of making several visits to other assemblies round about us. Once I had started on a journey with two of our younger brethren. It was in February. Our first destination was about 30 kilometers distant. When we had walked about six kilometers, a brother from the place to which we were going overtook us with horses. He came occasionally to Mlynow, but he did not know that we were going to his village that day. So, unexpectedly, we sat in his sledge and rode very comfortably the rest of the way. Was not this a special mercy of the Lord in behalf of His servants? To walk on the snow was not easy, so the Lord provided a sledge for us. Praise Him!

We visited seven assemblies. In one village there had been a good assembly for several years, but after most of the believers went to Argentine, the "remnant" were in a very weak condition. Now the Lord has sent a revival there. Many young people and children have begun to visit the meetings. Although the evil one is working very diligently there, we trust the Lord will give victory to His children. There is no Sunday school, but how those children sing hymns!

Last week I was on a journey with our chorus (four sisters and six brethren). We held seven meetings in five different places. The nearest place was about 25 klm. from us. Two of the meetings were conducted in gardens. The people are hungry for the Living Bread, and it was very interesting to note how quickly they gathered, after our arrival at the place of meeting. Praise Him! He uses weak vessels to spread His good news.

At present, Satan is doing very much harm to the Lord's work here by dividing God's children into different groups. He is using the leaders of the groups to this end. Many of them are working on the Lord's field for the glory of their own organizations, using dishonest methods. Sometimes one assembly divides into two or three parts. Some of them report their work in different foreign magazines, and many things said in them are not true. The Lord's cause is dishonored by such workers. By the above I am not referring to the different leaders of the unhealthy sects. These surely are the last times, when many come in Christ's name.

On April 18, a conference of workers of independent churches was held in Mlynow. About fifty people were present. Many questions were considered, and the Lord blessed us and gave victory.

At present, our country is suffering from drought, but the spiritual drought is much worse. We need men of prayer like Elijah. Will you not pray with us that God may send His "showers of blessing" on our people. God is faithful!

I thank you for your kind gift. May the Lord reward those who love Him and His work!

Enter into the rest of a new life, feel the throbbing of a true life, and then go out to live a full life for God during life's little day.

—*Dr. W. Graham Scroggie.*

A BENEDICTION

By Joan Costi (Roumania)

MAY the blessing of the Lord Jesus be upon you all! He has blessed me by giving me eternal life, and also health and strength to work in His vineyard, in which service I have great joy. Many thanks to the dear Lord Jesus, who has blessed His work here. Dear brethren in Christ, I wish to let you know that the Lord's work in my village is in a healthy condition.

By the grace of God, I was enabled to attend a Bible Course this past winter in Ploesti. There were present a number of brethren from other lands —Palestine, Bulgaria, Germany, and a great many from all over Roumania. We had a very happy time together for ten days, and the Word has become more real to my soul.

I have also had joy this spring in helping to work on the new building in Siret, where our beloved Brother Hill did so much for the cause of Christ. I must now tell you of my last visit to Brother Hill in Cernauti, before the Lord took him home. After we had gone into the different problems of the work and Brother Hill had given me his advice, he said to me: "I took you dear workers as little children, and have raised and trained you in the things of God. You are now no longer children, but full grown men. Carry on in the strength of the the Lord, be brave, and let nothing separate you from the love of Christ. I shall not be with you much longer, but there is One who will direct and guide you in all things." It was with a very heavy heart that I left our dear brother, who had been a father and shepherd to us, for in all things, great and small, we went to Brother Hill for advice and he was always ready to receive and help us. Sister Hill, who has stood by his side all these years in our midst, has had a great trial and deep sorrow, but grace has been given to our dear sister and we trust that she will long be spared to carry on with us.

My wife and family join me in thanking all the dear friends in America who have assisted in our support. Our words are poor and weak, but our hearty thanks to God on your behalf are strong. May the blessings of God continue with us all until He comes!

WORD STUDIES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

THESE are a series of Studies written and published by B. A. M. Schapiro, a Hebrew Christian scholar. The late Dr. I. M. Haldeman said, concerning the author's writing, "Under Mr. Schapiro's skillful pen, each word in Holy Writ blooms and blossoms out like a flower." The late Dr. Robert Dick Wilson gave this testimony: "The 'Word Studies' will be of untold help to many. It is scholarly as well as unique, filling a long-felt want, giving us the Rabbinical angle on the Old Testament."

The Studies are gotten up in attractive form on art paper, each volume containing twenty-eight pages, size eleven by eight and a half inches. Three volumes have been issued and it is hoped the fourth volume will soon be on the press.

These may be ordered from the Fellowship Office at 50 cents per volume, postpaid.

MORE BAPTISMS

By George Nazaruk
(Poland)

FROM the bottom of my heart I thank you for the Bible pictures sent me, which came through in good condition. The Scripture Gift Mission of London, also, has sent me all kinds of literature, for which I am very grateful. My people are receiving great blessing from the reading of so many good tracts. It gives me great joy, and blessing also, to distribute all these tracts and Gospels among my people—Russian, Polish, Yiddish, and Ukrainian—as I go from village to village, as well as to some larger places.

Daniel 12: 3 is of great blessing to me in my missionary work. During the month of March, God was very near to me in my journeys. More than fifteen villages were visited, one or two meetings being held in each of them. After the meetings, we had talks with believers, and unbelievers also, which lasted nearly all night. We visited the city of Mizoch, which is 50 kilometers from Ozenin. All day we distributed tracts among the Jews and talked with them, and in the evening we had a wonderful meeting, which continued until midnight. On the way home from Mizoch, while we were waiting for the train in the station at the city of Zdolbunowo, a believer met us and invited us to have a meeting there that evening. Thus, we had another day before us to do personal work, talking with more Jews, and in the evening we had a very blessed meeting.

I want to tell you what took place in the village of Rozwaz. There was a good brother in this village who always invited us to have the meeting in his home. One day, while he was absent, his home was burned to the ground. We did everything we could to help this brother, Alexander Lawryniuk. Perhaps someone in the Fellowship will want to help him a little, also. We would like him to be able to build a home with two rooms. Formerly, he had only one room, which he freely offered to us to use to hold meetings for the glory of God, but now we would like him to have one room in which to live and another room for the meetings. Perhaps some good Christian will pray about this need of $150.00 and will furnish the money, so that we will have a place to hold our meeting.

There are a few other urgent calls to prayer. In the village of Dubiny, a brother who had been a backslider for several years was moved to tears when we preached from John 21 on the love of Jesus for Peter. In Ozenin, one of our brethren came home from work, paralyzed and dumb, and now our church has this burden lying heavily upon their hearts. In the village of Chorow, there are two sick persons, who have been lying in bed since last Christmas. They are always asking me to pray for them, and I want the Lord's children to help me.

In the month of April I visited only eight villages, spending most of my time in Ozenin with my church. I was invited to spend Easter Day in Zdolbunowo, when eleven souls were baptized and we had a blessed children's meeting. These two months were filled with the Lord's blessings.

ANSWERED PRAYERS

By John Kovalchuk
(Carpathian Russia)

AND whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son" (John 14: 13).

All the promises of God are true and unchangeable. It is so sweet to know that the Lord hears and answers our prayers, when we ask in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ and for His own glory.

We wish to share our new joy with all the friends who pray for us and our work here and who help to make our Lord known in this dark country. When we first came here and saw this great, neglected field with no true gospel workers, we constantly prayed that the Lord would send more laborers here. He is gradually answering our prayers, in His own time and way.

We are always thankful to Him for the faithful co-workers whom He has sent—Miss Mary Selody, Mrs. H. Ermolinska, and others of our church members who help us in the work as much as they can. But recently we had a special joy in the coming here of our brother, Philip Manetz, from Poland, one of our own Fellowship missionaries. He labored in Poland for five years, and now the Lord has taken him out of Poland and sent him here, where he is more greatly needed. We are now visiting the field and holding meetings in different places, and the Lord is richly blessing us. Brother Manetz

likes this field and is thankful to God for directing him here.

Let us continue to unite in prayer that the Lord will send more laborers to this needy Carpatho-Russian field. We are asking Him to raise up workers from among our Carpatho-Russian converts. We already have a young man, one of our converts, who finishes in the theological school in Prague this summer and who would like to give all his time to the Lord's work here among his own people, if he could receive at least a part of the money needed for the necessities of life. I am sending his autobiography and picture for publication in our paper, hoping that some of God's children will become interested and help us in this matter.

One of our most appalling needs here is that of a gospel singer, a choir director, who could teach the gospel songs to the people in the different places of our parish, especially the young people. You know how important music is in the Lord's work. We beg all our friends to pray earnestly that this great need of ours may be supplied.

NOTE: Readers may read the story of the life of the convert of whom Mr. Kovalchuk speaks, in other pages of this issue of THE HARVEST FIELD.

LETTERS FROM RUSSIAN CHRISTIANS

WE HAVE a few new letters from Russia. There is no news of special importance in them, but they give us an idea of the sad situation in Red Russia, which continues as a result of the revolutionary chaos. The press generally is filled with cheerful information about the changes in Russia for the better, but first-hand news shows another side. Even the appearance of the envelopes that come from Russia indicates the prevailing poverty of the people under the Bolshevistic regime.

An experienced evangelical preacher informs us: "My wife and children and I send you most hearty thanks for the four food parcels. Our health is poor. My wife is sick in bed, and the children, too, have been ill, though they are improving. Humanly speaking, there is no hope in our environment, but we have comfort in the Lord. We are deeply moved by the knowledge that we are not forgotten by you. We should like to try to leave Russia, in order to make life easier, but this seems impossible now. The Lord keep you!"

Another writes: "Beloved in the Lord: The great news has reached me that you wish to help me. I would just say that, materially, my life is very poor. In the Name of the Lord, send me aid. In the next letter I will give you some details."

A brother in Siberia, a preacher, writes: "Beloved brethren: May the peace of the Lord increase for you! I received your letter today, for which I thank you. I see in it new love and care for me. My hope in the Lord is my mainstay. Many exiled people have already left this place, for their term is ended, but I must stay here about two years longer. Up until December, evangelical meetings were permitted here, but since that time they have been forbidden. The Bolsheviks are undertaking new industrial establishments here. I have information from Central Russia, that, while many believers are zealous, others are getting cold, being weakened by the constant oppression of the communists. My love and greetings to you."

An aged preacher, having just returned home from exile, writes us: "I received your dear letter and thank my God that He led you to comfort us. Your care for us touches our hearts. I see how good and generous you are. The aid about which you write, I am anticipating with joy and gratitude. In spite of all the hard things round about us, we still deeply love our Lord and serve Him, as He enables us. Later on, I want to write you more about our life in general, when I am sure that my letters reach you. We know from God's Word that we are to be thankful to Him for everything, and it is His grace and power that keep and safeguard us. After all the trials we have gone through, we are still living and are cheerful. The Lord keep you!"

Another exiled brother writes us: "Desperately persecuted for my faith, I am exiled to the far-away northern district of Russia. I shall be very grateful if you will kindly keep in communication with me."

A daughter of believing parents writes: "I hasten to inform you that a few days ago I received two parcels from you. It is beyond my power to thank you properly. The Lord knows our needs. The shoes of my younger sister were entirely worn out, and those shoes you sent fitted her exactly. The socks you sent me, I will send on to my darling father, who is in exile, and the stockings will be good for my mother. All the things in the parcel are very helpful to us. The other shoes are a little large, but that doesn't matter—they will be all

right. With tears, I write you this letter of thanks. My younger sister is ill now, but I believe the Lord will heal her. I went to exile to see my mother—I was permitted to do this. She is better now. She asked me to send you her thanks and greetings. With deep gratitude, Your young sister——."

An aged brother in Europe writes us, asking us to help his sister in Russia, who has been serving the Lord there ever since the old times when Dr. Bedeker led pioneer evangelical work in Russia. One of these sisters was persecuted by the Bolsheviks, just for her faith. She was exiled to Siberia and flogged in a beastly manner. It was a miracle of God that she lived, being rescued from the river in a half-frozen condition. Her three years in exile were filled with torments. All this was related in the letters from Russia, just by means of hints. These people are in a state of half-starvation. Help for them is greatly needed.

A sister, a widow of a preacher, says in her last letter: "God's peace be with you! I received a parcel from you and am so thankful for the help. It encouraged me again, and in my weakness gave me new strength. I see how great is the love of the Saviour for me—He cares for His sheep. Praise be to Him for His measureless grace! I pray my Lord to pour out upon you His mercies and abundant gifts. May the Holy Spirit always be with you! Once more I thank you."

An aged brother writes: "Dearly beloved brethren and sisters: I greet you in His name. I received your letter, for which I thank my Lord, who sacrificed Himself for our salvation. You, as children of God, are caring for us and we earnestly ask you to keep our names before the Lord in your prayers. We are in sore need, although we are working in the Bolshevik agricultural commune, being forced to do so. If possible, do something for our help, for we are very poor. Our evangelical services have been discontinued. Be joyful in the Lord. He has saved and justified us, and our names are written in heaven."

Another aged brother writes: "I received your letter, and I see that you are going to help me. I must say that just now I am not in need—my real necessities are met. I have a room to live in and I have food, not very much but sufficient. I send you, however, a letter from some very needy believers who are living with me at present. I was converted to my Lord in Russia in 1887. He found me in the deepest abyss, and He has kept me in the faith up to this time, about fifty years. Write to us some day. Christ is risen! Peace be unto you!"

A 90-year-old sister writes: "I am very glad that the Lord laid it upon your hearts to help me, a child of God. I live in Petersburg, now Leningrad, and I attend the evangelical services three times a week. They are permitted here and are enjoyed by large crowds of people. We greet you heartily. I am thankful to you for remembering me. My relatives who live with me, although younger, are ill, but I am all right."

A brother from Canada writes us: "My brother was enrolled in Russia in the Bolshevik agricultural commune. It seemed at first that he was satisfied, but now in distress he asks me for help. My other relatives have written me from Russia, though under fear of the Bolshevik censorship, about their extreme poverty. There is no comparison between the present ruined lives of peasants and the conditions of former Russia."

The Daily Holy Life

We are in Christ, who gave up His will and did the will of God. By the Holy Spirit, the mind that was in Him is in us, the will of self is crucified, and we live in the will of God.

This is God's way of holiness, a divine mystery, which the Holy Spirit alone can daily maintain in us. Blessed be God, it is the life which a Christian can live, because Christ lives in us.

—*Dr. Andrew Murray.*

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to the American European Fellowship, Inc., a Corporation formed under the Laws of the State of New Jersey, and located at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., the sum of ..... and the receipt of the Treasurer thereof shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors.

In New York and some other States a will, to be legal, must have two witnesses. Checks may be made payable to E. N. Sanctuary, Treasurer, American European Fellowship, for either Gentile or Jewish Missions.

Statement of Receipts for June, 1926

Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount	Receipt No.	Amount
17448	$ 1.00	17494	5.00		
17449	25.00	17495	1.00		
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17465	5.00	17511	5.00	17557	2.00
17466	5.00	17512	5.00	17558	1.00
17467	5.00	17513	10.00	17559	25.55
17468	5.00	17514	35.42	17560	35.00
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17472	50.00	17518	10.00	17564	10.00
17473	2.00	17519	66.80	17565	5.00
17474	5.00	17520	50.00	17566	2.00
17475	20.00	17521	1.00	17567	5.00
17476	20.00	17522	1.00	17568	90.00
17477	20.00	17523	80.00	17569	4.00
17478	1.00	17524	1.00	17570	2.00
17479	4.00	17525	1.00	17571	2.00
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17484	10.00	17530	1.00		
17485	5.00	17531	2.50		
17486	5.00	17532	5.00	Of this amount $68.30	
17487	75.00	17533	100.00	is for the Bulgarian	
17488	11.00	17534	20.00	Harvest Fund.	
17489	5.00	17535	2.00		

MISSE. H. STEYRER sailed for missionary work in Austria on June 6, 1926. Remember her in special prayer that she will be definitely led of God as to the place in which she is to minister in that land of needed gospel light.